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§15–130.

(a) In this section, “athletic program” means any intercollegiate athletic program at a public institution of higher education in the State.

(b) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) Meeting the educational needs of student athletes should be the priority for intercollegiate athletic programs in the State; and

(2) Providing adequate health and safety protections for student athletes can help prevent serious injury and death.

(c) An athletic program shall adopt and implement:

(1) Guidelines to prevent, assess, and treat serious sports–related conditions, including:

(i) Brain injury;

(ii) Heat illness; and

(iii) Rhabdomyolysis;

(2) Exercise and supervision guidelines for any student athlete who participates in an athletic program and is identified with potential life–threatening health conditions, including:

(i) Sick cell trait; and

(ii) Asthma; and

(3) Return–to–play protocols for athletes who experience injury or illness during practice or play.

(d) (1) On or before October 1, 2021, and each October 1 thereafter, the University System of Maryland Intercollegiate Athletics Workgroup shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on student athletes in the University System of Maryland, including any

student athlete policy changes at each institution related to the health and safety of student athletes.

(2) On or before October 1, 2021, and each October 1 thereafter, Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on student athletes at each institution, including any student athlete policy changes at each institution related to the health and safety of student athletes.

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